

# Waterways and Trails Committee

## Minutes for the meeting held September 6, 2016

**Call to order:** Brian Gilbert

**Attendance:** Joshua Hickey, Nancy Hawkins, William Froli, Garrett Fontes,  
David Shelburn, Colleen Carlson, Ben Williams

**Absent:** David Allen, Roger Sackerson

**Staff:** Jeannie Greenwood, Vaughn Melcher, Rebecca Keenan

**Guests:** Phillip Shabanov, Victor Raya, Grant Barnes

1. **Public comments:** Nancy Hawkins discussed her concerns regarding homeless encampments at Mill Creek and Lover's Lane. Asked the committee to make a statement regarding problem.
  - a. Joshua Hickey suggested clearly posted park rules.
  - b. Jeannie Greenwood suggested that the rules for trails and parks should be updated with a separate set of rules/ordinances for the trails. No action taken.
2. **Minutes:** approved minutes for the August 8, 2016 meetings. Nancy Hawkins motioned, Colleen Carlson seconded. Unanimously approved
3. **Master and General plan:** Rebecca Keenan, City of Visalia Project Manager for ATP presented an update.
4. **Committee participation in surveys, events, and other committee meetings:**
  - a. Discussed the list of events and opportunities.
  - b. Garret Fontes discussed the "Light Up the Night" bike ride happening on October 11, 2016.
5. **Educating the public:**
  - a. Garret Fontes will team up with the Parks and Recreation booth at the Healthy Visalia Festival on October 15.
6. **Membership:**
  - a. Reviewed membership application for Mr. Grant Barnes. Motion made by Colleen Carlson to accept Mr. Barnes' application, second by Joshua Hickey. Approved unanimously. Jeanie Greenwood will forward the application to the City Council for approval.
  - b. Resignation accepted for David Allen.
  - c. Recruitment flyer and press release sent out.

7. **Other Items:** Photos at the completed section of Mill Creek trail off of Ackers and gathering to recognize Vaughn Melcher will be held after the October meeting at Joshua Hickey's Residence, 210 N. Denton Ct.

8. **Meeting adjourned**

Next meeting will be held:   October 4, 2016 at 5:30 pm

City Hall Conference Room, 707 W. Acequia